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BASIC CADET SCHOOL

For the first time in Group 5, Travis Composite Squadron 122 hosted a Basic Cadet School over the weekend of 27-29 January, 2006.

34 new Cadets from Nevada Wing, Truckee, Santa Cruz, Hayward, Sacramento, Cameron Park and the local Squadron attended the weekend.

Staffed by 9 experienced Cadet Officers and NCO's under the guidance of c/Maj Jonathan Christie together with 6 Senior Members, the new Cadets were given the basics in Core Values,

Chain of Command, Drill and Ceremonies, Uniforms and teamwork.

Day began at 0600 with PT, which is an important part of the Cadet Program and a requirement for promotion.

The School could not have been as successful as it not been for the support of Base Command and lower echelons.

The assistance rendered by MSgt M. Craft, and SMSgt R. Harrold at TSgt E. Lindsey with our classroom facilities at 373th AETD DET14, MSgt Valador at the Sierra In Dining Facility and Ms Tanya Graves at the Base Fitness center together with their respective teams, provided your

cadets with the best support for this evolution.

Apart from looking sharp when on the move towards the end of the BCS, the transformation was obvious. Much like Basic training, on the first drill lab, the cadets were awkward at facing movement and some even had difficulty with the concept of left and right.

Almost overnight, there was a change and on the way back from the Dining Facility... suddenly the 2 training Flights were getting the hang of it.

At the Graduation, the Cadets asked if they could march in to the Dill Pad to 'show their parents



According to one cadet, the cadets at BCS had a "shaky start", but after a lot of hard work they were doing phenomenally well. From this cadet's point of view, the success of the flight was

encourage the younger and inexperienced members.

By the end of the day the flight staff earned a lot of respect and admiration from the cadets. The graduation ceremony was out-standing and the parents were proud of their much-improved children. At the graduation, the cadets were very nervous, but their performance exceeded expectations and they won applause from the onlookers.

how good they were"... and they were good...

The last day of BCS was an in-tense one. The cadets were pushed to perform the drill movements and other knowledge that they were taught the day before to the best of their ability, as well as learn even more. The



A few days after BCS, the out-standing cadet stood tall and said, "After receiving the outstanding cadet award and graduating BCS, I've been in a good mood ever since!" This statement just about sums up the general feeling about the 2006 California Wing Group 5 Basic Cadet School after graduation.

The cadets returned to their home Squadron to test for their first stripe and continue their training in the Core missions of the USAF Auxiliary – Civil Air Patrol. Cadet Programs – Aerospace Education- Emergency Services – Homeland Security.

flight staff looked for the utmost perfection in their cadets.

credited to everyone, but that the element leaders had to

The School recognizes Cadets who excel in their work and the following cadets were acknowledged:

Honor Cadet:

Cadet Daniel Jackson

Alpha Flight:

Cadet Mary Humphrey

Bravo Flight:

Cadet Lance Maxwell

Outstanding Staff Member:

c/Capt Douglas Crawford

LIFTING OUR PUBLIC PROFILE

While the BCS (Basic Cadet School) is a training Evolution for your Cadets and new recruits, it provide increased public profile and visibility on Base.

The Squadron has been a resident of Travis for over 30 years and yet we were one of the 'best kept secrets' of the base.

Many times during the weekend, Air Force Personnel would come up and say things like: "I've been here for 2 years and heard there was a Unit on Base, but couldn't find you" or worse, "I've been here 7 years and didn't know you existed".

This sad indictment of our Public Affairs program is being addressed through the appointment of a new Public Affairs Officer, 2Lt Kathy Young

Her enthusiasm for redressing this challenge together with a drive to develop a sound Recruiting and Retention strategy, will do much to position your Squadron in the forefront.

Several Cadets have indicated their interest in becoming part of the Public

Affairs Team working with 2Lt Young.

SQUADRON GROWING

In little more than 4 months, Squadron 22 has grown in number to 49 Cadets with a further 5 new Cadets in the early phase of joining. The Squadron



facilities are stretched to accommodate all the cadets at a meeting; hard to imagine we have standing room only... and that is a good place to be.

The cadet program is essentially run by the Cadets under the guidance of the Deputy Commander for Cadets and Senior Cadet Staff and covers classes in the mission of the CAP in support of the USAF Missions for America.

Aerospace Education, which includes the rudimentary training in all aspects of Aviation and Space, advancing to Cadet Orientation Flights where the Cadets experience first hand flying in one of the CAP Aircraft.

Sometimes, they are even fortunate to ride in a Military Aircraft

PT and Character Development (formerly Moral Leadership) round out the basic Cadet Program Core Subjects.

A cadet has the opportunity to train in Emergency Services and assist in Air Force Assigned

search and Rescue missions according to their age and training. Some of the senior members also work in the Counter Drug Program

SUCCESS STORIES

Many of our cadets join the Military and it's an affirmation to hear from them as they move into their career fields.

Our former Cadet Adviser, c/Col Ian Lord now A1C Lord, has completed SERE Training and will move on to the Water Survival training in Pensacola, FL. Once this cycle is completed, he will earn his wings and receive his

first duty assignment. He specifically notes the experiences he had in CAP as he worked towards the coveted Spaatz Award, assisted him greatly in his Basic Training and subsequent specialty training.

Meanwhile in Arizona, former c/LtCol Adam Trimble, now PVT1 Trimble excelled at Army boot Camp and is working on his occupational specialty of Intelligence field.

Elsewhere we have Cadets and former Cadets in ROTC and College all with the aim of serving their country in some way.

STAFF TRAINING EXERCISE (STX)



Developing the Cadet Staff is part of the on-going training for Cadet Officers and NCO's alike. While they are assisting their cadets with training towards the next grade, they too are working on their promotions.

Deputy Commander for Cadets 2Lt Ken Murphy develops a plan for advanced leadership and management training for these young men and women.

The STX or Staff Training Exercise is held on the 5th Monday of a month and involves activity planning for the next quarter and review of the pervious quarter. Fundamental management skills are introduced in a simple way so that the Flight staff can be more confident in their roles and develop their cadets.

NEW CADET COMMANDER

Cadet Commander of the Squadron is not easy job and last month we saw c/2Lt David Turnquist assume command of the squadron at the Change of Command Ceremony.

Following a successful period as Cadet Commander, c/Capt Zachary Howard relinquished command to move to Washington State with his family.

c/Capt Howard has a solid background in leadership not only in the squadron, but also in California Wing as a Flight Commander for Encampment.

c/Capt Howard is a graduate of the Cadet Officer's Basic Course and applied those skills to his command tenure, building on the excellent work of his predecessor.

c/2Lt Turnquist in preparing for command enthusiastically plans for the growth and development Sq22 during his tenure.

SURVIVING THE FLOODING

The rains in January hit the squadron with some force as ceiling tiles became saturated and fell to the floor, sections of the concrete walls and roof saturated by the earth above allowed seepage of water into many areas of the bunker..



First impressions of the Classroom was that it had be trashed by vandals. On closer examination of the ceiling, tiles were bowing under the wait of water and would fall with the least vibration.

Elsewhere in the facility, pools of standing water were encroaching on the Communications Equipment,



administration areas and classroom.

The losses were comparatively minor although with the Squadron's limited resources, added to the challenges for the coming year.



We lost 2 computers, a printer, a Scanner and a TV from direct water damage and several reference books and files were damaged beyond salvage. Some minor damage to furniture and resources in the Testing Area hasn't impacted the testing too much.

CADET PROGRAMS CONFERENCE

California Wing hosts the Cadet Programs Conference each February at Camp San Luis

Obispo. This is a chance for Cadets to meet-up and attend classes, in a relaxed atmosphere. This year is it to be held over the Presidents Day Weekend February 18- 21 culminating in the Cadet Banquet on the Sunday evening. Squadron 22 will be well represented this year.

During the weekend Review Boards will be held for those cadets applying for a Senior Staff position at Encampment and with the Cadet Training Group.

Sq 22 has a number of it's Cadet Staff applying for these positions and we wish them well.

AVIATION – MARINE CORPS STYLE – OO-RAH!

Marine Sgt Robert Murphy was home on leave during the month and found time to visit the Squadron and give a presentation to the cadets on his activities with the Marine Air Wing in Okinawa, Japan.



Adept at public speaking, Sgt Murphy gave accounts of the training and preparation to become air crew in the USMC.

Along with an engaging presentation of discussion and visual material, Sgt Murphy had the Cadets enthralled with the

exploits of his unit not only while at home but also when deployed

CAPTAIN KNIGHT VISITS SQ22

Often we forget that cadet programs exist in other countries. We had the opportunity to hear from CPT David Knight who works with the Australian Army Cadet Corps in the State of Western Australia.

Capt Knight and his family were visiting California and took time to visit and observe how CAP Squadrons run.

CPT Knight, on behalf of his Battalion Commander, was also interested in exploring and developing a Cadet Exchange between Cadets in California and West Australia.

When such a program is developed, it will give an opportunity for your Cadets to explore and develop and at the same time be an ambassador for the United States. Similarly we can show any Australian Cadets who visit the best parts of California and being a Cadet in the CAP.

There is no doubt that International Cadet Exchange Programs add much to develop our young men and women into well rounded future citizens of our Country.

MORE ON GROWING

Looking at the number of new members joining the squadron we now post 3 flights at our formations. # flights of highly motivated young men and women who make up our Cadet Corps.

Composite Squadrons like Sq22 also provide an active program for Senior Members and Cadet Sponsor Members to participate in.

We welcome this month new Senior Members who are working to develop the program, and revitalize the Emergency Services, Communications and Homeland Security aspects back into operations readiness.

CAP has a good working relation with the Office of Emergency Management in CA and takes on Air Force Assigned Missions in Urban Direction Finding and, Ground Team and Search and Rescue. Cadets can also become involved in ES missions once they had earned their first Stripe.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

It's with pleasure that we announce the appointment of new Senior Members to the Squadron Staff:

2Lt Kathy Young – public Affairs/Recruiting & Retention Officer

SM Rhonda Anderson – Finance Officer

SM Leslie Speck – Administration Officer

SM Daniel Speck – Communications Officer

A complete list of Squadron Staff is available in the Personnel Authorization available at the Squadron.

CADET AWARDS

Cadet Shane Entzel, has earned his Recruiter Ribbon.

Congratulations Cadet, you are the first ribbon of the year.

ORIENTATION RIDES

Plans are underway for Cadet Orientation Rides in the Spring. The Air Force has released limited funding for rides for Cadets to complete part of the Aerospace Program.

More details on the O-Rides will become available in the next week or so and the Cadet Team will advise the details.

We also have the opportunity of getting some time at the Glider Academy in Nor Cal, and its possible for to earn your wings as a Glider Pilot while being a Cadet.

MODEL ROCKETRY

Elsewhere in the Aerospace Education program, the Cadets are planning to introduce the Model Rocketry Program into the classroom. This aspect of the AE Program allows the cadet to build a rocket and explore the concept of propulsion they study in the program.

Cadet Staff will be rolling out the program over the next few months so that by late Spring we will be launching.

SQUADRON WEBSITE

After a long period of inactivity, the Squadron website is being updated and we are currently exploring ways that it can be kept updated regularly and feature Cadet input in addition to Administration, Command and Public Affairs information.

The Web Address if <http://sq22.cawg.cap.gov>.

Continuing with the Technology aspect of Unit Management, the Squadron team has decided to discontinue the MSN Group for the Squadron in favor of the free Yahoo Groups where we can have a members only Group. The additional step of subscribing to MSN's Net Passport will not be required.

To subscribe to the Sq22 Yahoo Group send email to

sq22-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

So far we plan to populated the group with information including photos section from the Flooding, Air Shows, and the recent BCS, along with electronic versions of our Newsletter, Leading Edge

In addition to the Albums, and news for Parents, Administrative forms for Cadets and Seniors are located in the forms folder.

PRB (Promotion Review Board) and Test Requests are replicated here in addition to the Squadron Website.

SQUADRON COVERS

The new Squadron ball caps (covers) have been ordered and we expect them to arrive soon. The Cadets requested a change from the Patrol Cap to a black Ball cap with 22 embroidered on the front, just so people recognize we re Sq22.

The first caps will be issued to the Cadets from the Squadron. Future cadets will need to purchase one from Supply in addition to the basic Patrol Cap.

The Patrol Cap can be called for as part of the uniform of the day for an event, so it is still in service..